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CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

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SUBJECT: TREASON TRIAL RESUMES

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1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED: TREASON TRIAL RESUMED AND ENTERED FIFTH WEEK JAN 15 ONE DAY LATE BECAUSE WITNESSES NOT AVAILABLE. BOTH PROSECUTION AND DEFENSE HOPE TO CONCLUDE BY END OF MONTH BUT ARE AIRING SOME DOUBTS AS TO WHETHER THIS WILL BE POSSIBLE.

2. FOUR MORE DETAINEES AWAITING TRIAL WERE RELEASED OVER WEEKEND (WITHOUT CHARGES). REMAINING DETAINEES (RT BY OUR COUNT) HAVE BEEN CHARGED WITH SAME OFFENSES AS THIRTY NOW ON TRIAL AND ARE SCHEDULED FOR TRIAL IN APRIL. END UNCLASSIFIED.

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3. BEGIN LOU: DEFENSE COUNSEL CUNY EXPRESSED OPINION IT PREMATURE OF GOVERNMENT TO SCHEDULE TRIAL OF SECOND GROUP

FOR APRIL WITHOUT KNOWING OUTCOME OF CURRENT TRIAL. HE
DOUBTFUL THAT PRESENTLY AVAILABLE FUNDS WILL BE SUFFICIENT TO
PROVIDE ADEQUATE DEFENSE FOR SECOND TRIAL, BUT LOCAL REPRESENTATIVE OF CHRISTIAN COUNCIL REPORTS TWO LARGER CHURCHES IN LESOTHO (CATHOLIC AND EVANGELICAL) HAVE PLEDGED "SUBSTANTIAL" CONTRIBUTIONS TO DEFENSE FUNDS. END LOU.
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